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In re application of: Michael L.P.M. Verhoeven

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

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3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed **August 5, 2003**, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification¹

At Page 6, Line 11, please replace

"standard deviation (), and a relative standard deviation ($100 \times T$) of"

with

"standard deviation (σ), and a relative standard deviation ($100 \times \sigma / T$) of".

At Page 12, Lines 23 and 24, please replace

"the standard deviation (). Preferably for a coating of dry thickness T , the relative

¹ Applicants believe under the new rules this format of such a minor amendment is appropriate.